offices and bank branches in the country is very small compared to the total volume of Indian Bank notes in circulation.

A number of steps have been taken to curb circulation of FICN in the country. These include stepping up of vigilance by the Border Security Force (BSF)/Custom authorities to prevent smuggling of fake notes, training of law enforcement agencies, dissemination of information on security features through print and electronic media for the benefit of the public etc. Further, based on the recommendations of an Expert Committee, additional security features have been incorporated in the Indian Bank notes which will make counterfeiting very difficult. In addition, Government of India have nominated the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) as the Nodal agency to monitor investigation of fake currency note cases.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Smooth management of Airports

*454. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not extended adequate cooperation to the Airports Authority of India in the matter of immigration, passenger screening etc. by various agencies like the CISF and other such agencies;

(b) to what extent has such non-cooperation resulted in poor service at airports all over the country;

(c) whether Government would hold meetings with the Airports Authority of India to find solutions to routine problems of the day; and

(d) the reasons for not putting in place a modern and accountable system to help smooth management of all airports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: (a) to (c) Government and its agencies have been extending all possible co-operation to Airports Authority of India (AAI) in the matter of smooth operations at airports. Towards this end,

Government has set up a National Facilitation Committee (NFC) under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary for streamlining the facilitation at airports. An executive committee under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary for streamlining the facilitation at airports. An executive committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Civil Aviation) has also been set up to implement the decisions taken by the NFC. If considered necessary, Government also convenes meetings from time to time with the representatives of Customs, Immigration, CISF etc. to ensure smooth passenger movement at airports.

In addition to the above, AAI convenes meetings with agencies working at airports at regular intervals to sort out the various issues relating to passenger handling. The airports Operations Committee chaired by the Airport Director meets every month and discuss all these issues thoroughly and find solutions to increase the efficiency of passenger handling in the terminals.

(d) Does not arise.

Reservation of SCs and STs in M/o Civil Aviation

*455. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are successfully maintaining the requisite percentage of SCs and STs reservation in jobs in the Ministry and its various organistions;

(b) if so, the details of the status, organisation-wise;

(c) if not, the details of the backlog status and steps taken to fill up the vacancies; and

(d) the reasons as to why the number of ST representation in Indira Gandhi Rastriya Uran Academi (IGRUA) is less as compared to SCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: (a) The number of SC employees in all Organisations under the Ministry is more than the precribed percentage *i.e.* 15% except BCAS where it is 14.63%. However, the number of ST employees in the organisations is lower than the required percentage of 7.5%.